

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 18, 2006

Todd J. Zinser
Acting Inspector General
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th St. S.W., Room 9210
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Inspector General Zinser,

As you know, we are deeply concerned about the July 10, 2006 tragedy that occurred as a result of falling concrete in a section of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project (CA/T) in Boston. Clearly, this raises critical safety concerns for the entire CA/T. We are pleased that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) responded to our delegation request and has begun to investigate the accident. We hope that their independent investigation will provide needed information for a safety review of the entire CA/T project.

A comprehensive independent investigation of the CA/T is necessary in order to assure the citizens of the Commonwealth that the CA/T is safe. After discussions with your office, we are assured that the Inspector General's office will provide independent oversight of a full review of the CA/T. We appreciate your commitment and understand that this review will include an assessment of the infrastructure, mechanical and electrical, and integrated operational systems.

The Inspector General can provide an important public service by ensuring that the data collected by other parties during the review is analyzed completely, results are fairly and fully disclosed, and recommendations are implemented. In addition, we request that the Inspector General assess whether there was oversight of the CA/T at all stages. We appreciate your willingness to work with all parties to ensure that an investigation of the entire CA/T is thorough and independent.

Thank you in advance for the time and effort the Inspector General's office will be devoting to this endeavor.

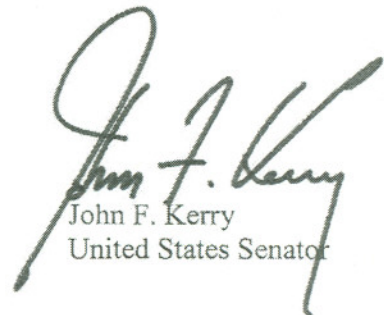
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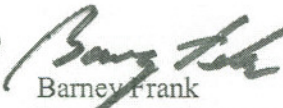


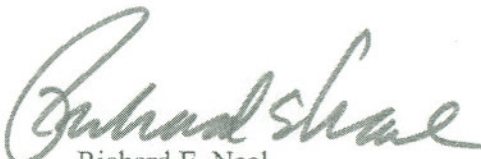
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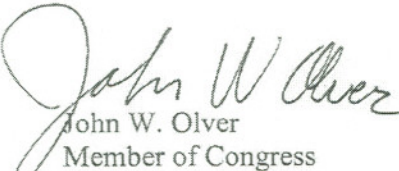


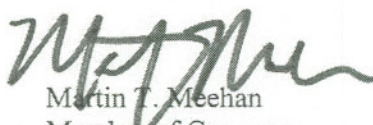
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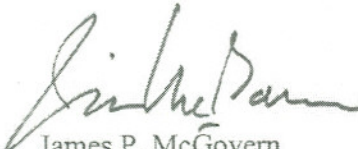

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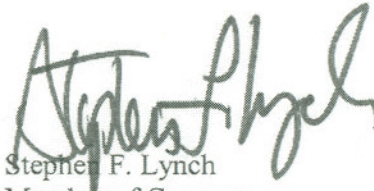

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July 13, 2006

Mark V. Rosenker
Acting Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Acting Chairman Rosenker:

We are gravely concerned about the July 10, 2006 tragic death of Milena Del Valle as a result of falling concrete in a section of Boston's Central Artery/Tunnel Project (CA/T). Clearly, this raises critical concerns about the safety of the entire CA/T.

We are writing to ask that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) immediately bring in a team to investigate this recent tragic accident. The NTSB has the authority to investigate accidents on our nation's highways.

In addition to investigating Monday's accident, we are asking the NTSB, in accordance with the authority it already has, to conduct a long term safety study of the entire CA/T project. Criminal investigations into the tragic accident have begun. Inspection of the I-90 Connector tunnel has led to its indefinite closure and the identification of at least 60 more areas that are raising safety concerns. The general public has good reason to be uneasy about something they should be able to take for granted – the safety of the roads on which they travel.

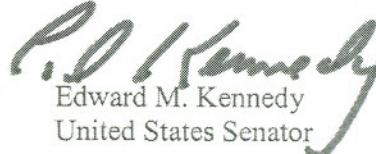
Public safety is of paramount concern. The only way to identify flaws in the system and to definitively conclude that the roadways are safe is to place a thorough analysis in the hands of an agency that has had no previous involvement in the CA/T. The NTSB can conduct an independent review so that Massachusetts residents get the answers they deserve. We cannot wait any longer.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter and await your prompt response.

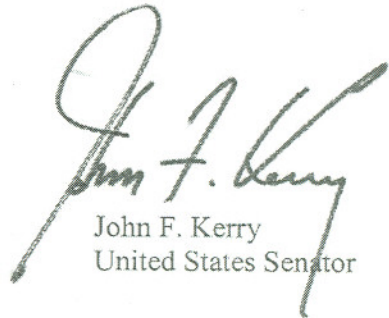
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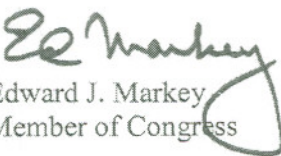
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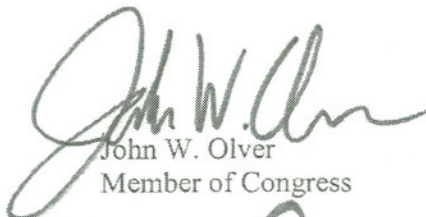


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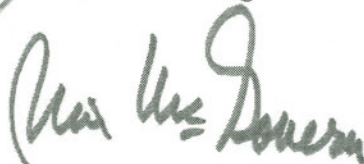

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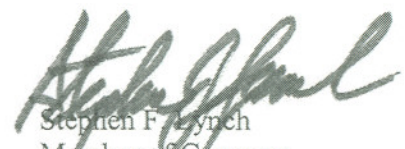

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